

Construction Management Education Sponsorship Act

Educational fund to help develop future industry leaders

Donating to the CMESA

A donation today is truly an investment in the construction industry's future. By contributing to the CMESA fund, you can make a significant impact on increasing the quality of education and the number of graduates receiving the important management training for construction contracting.

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About the Act

The Construction Management Education Sponsorship Act (CMESA) was passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Pete Wilson in 1991 (*Business & Professions Code Section 7139-7139.10*). In creating the CMESA, the Legislature recognized the increasing demand and need to educate and prepare graduates for the management of construction operations and companies. It was their intent that the assistance provided by the CMESA grants would improve the overall quality of construction by providing construction management training to California licensed contractors and their current and future managers. The students studying construction management today at universities around the state will be tomorrow's construction leaders.

Grant Awards

When the CMESA was created, contributions were limited to \$25. Consequently, the fund grew slowly. In 2003, the Legislature removed the limit, so now people may contribute any amount they wish. Also, in 2003, the CMESA Account had grown enough to allow the first grant awards. The Construction Management Education Account Advisory Committee (CMEAAC) voted to expend the maximum \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2004-05 and another \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2005-06, in the amount of \$1,000 per student. Applications were received from six state universities, and at its November 2004 meeting, the CMEAAC voted to award the following grants:

UNIVERSITY	GRANT AMOUNT
California State University Chico	\$67,000
California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo	\$48,000
California State University Fresno	\$40,000
California State University Long Beach	\$31,000
California State University Sacramento	\$22,000
California State Polytechnic University Pomona	\$20,000
Total	\$228,000

The grants are expected to be awarded during 2005.

About the Committee

The Construction Management Education Account Advisory Committee (CMEAAC) oversees the fund that helps increase the quality and availability of education programs for California's construction industry. The CMEAAC is

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made up of 11 members, with at least one representative from each of the following organizations:

- Associated General Contractors of California
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- California Building Industry Association
- National Electrical Contractors Association
- Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association
- Southern California Contractors Association
- Associated General Contractors of San Diego
- Engineering and Utility Contractors Association
- Engineering Contractors Association
- California Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors

Association

The 11th member represents the California State University and University of California construction management programs accredited by the American Council for Construction Education. Terms for CMEAAC members are three years and the representatives are appointed by each organization.

